

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3267, as Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	At-Large Judges		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 3267 amends Section 14-5-610, by increasing the number of Circuit Court Judges and Family Court Judges elected by the General Assembly from the State-at-large by three (3). The Bill also creates a Judicial Reapportionment Study Committee to review the apportionment of the State's judicial circuits.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Judicial Department

The Department indicates this Bill, as amended, will have an impact on the General Fund of the State of approximately \$1,898,223 in personal services and associated operating expenses due to the addition of three new Circuit Court Judges and staff (administrative assistant, court reporter and law clerk) and the three new Family Court Judges and staff (administrative assistant and court reporter). There may also be associated costs borne by the counties in which these at-large judges preside for office space for each judge and their staff.

The Senate and the House of Representatives

The Legislature indicates there will be an additional cost for the proposed Bill. The committee will consist of 11 members with 6 legislators and 5 non-legislators. The cost per legislator per one-day meeting is \$235, and the cost per non-legislator per one-day meeting is \$190. The total cost will be \$2,360 per one day meeting.

Approved by:



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